



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Summer Reading Program begins June 26

Registration begins Monday, June 19 at both libraries

Once Upon a Time is this year's theme for the York County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 26 to August 4. The focus of this program is to keep children reading or being read to over the summer. The Library has a full schedule of fun activities for children ages 2 ½ to 12 designed to keep everyone coming to the Library and reading all summer. Visit to the Library for performers, workshops, story times, movies – and of course, great books to read or listen to! All programs are free and open to everyone.

Participants in the program write down books they have read or time spent reading in a log. After they have read 5 hours or 5 books, they can come into the library once a week to show us their accomplishments and receive prizes for their efforts. If a child completes the weekly reading for 4 of the 6 weeks of the program, he or she will receive a book.

Weekly performers present programs based on the Summer Reading Program's theme. Storytellers, musicians, puppeteers, and others link entertainment with good reading and books.

Movie Mondays will feature a 10:30 AM showing of a children's movie in the Tabb meeting room. Terrific Tuesdays will bring a variety of performers to the Library. Wednesdays and Thursdays are full of story times for all ages.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 19 at 10:00 AM at both libraries. All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library. Visit the Youth Services website at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/children> or call 890-5110 for additional information.

"Second Saturdays at Seven" concerts in May and June

The Library's "Second Saturdays at Seven" concert series continues in May and June with delightful evenings of music for listeners of all ages to enjoy.

On May 13, celebrate Mother's Day a day early with the family group, **The Hunt Family Fiddlers**. The Hunts have performed at Busch Gardens and have toured Europe, presenting a dazzling combination of complex fiddling and Irish dance.

In celebration of Father's Day, join us on June 10 for a rousing evening of barbershop harmony with the **Matinee Idlers**. This local 18-member men's a cappella group will be singing classic barbershop-style tunes from yesteryear.

Both concerts will be held at the Tabb Library on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Both shows are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5119 for details.



Weed It! How the Library Chooses the Books It Keeps

Mention collection management and most patrons think of purchasing new books for the Library. Weeding (also known as deselection) is the often forgotten, yet essential task of maintaining a library collection. The benefit of weeding goes far beyond the improved appearance of the collection, and ensures the library's materials are useful and accessible.

Every library's print collection is limited by the space available to house it, and collections should change over time to reflect changes in the community and in the library's goals. The staff continually evaluates library resources in order to remove items that are no longer useful, or which may be damaged or dated.

Weeding is one of the most controversial aspects of collection development, but it provides positive results from the patron's point of view. When libraries do not weed regularly or consistently, patrons may have difficulty finding interesting and relevant materials. Removing outdated or worn-out items makes the collection more visually attractive and inviting. Patrons trust the library to supply information that is easy to find and up-to-date.

For the librarian, weeding has additional advantages. It reveals gaps in the collection so new purchases can be made with confidence, and creates space for those materials. Paradoxically, weeding is a good way to increase circulation

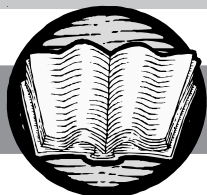
by drawing attention to materials that had been overlooked.

The Library staff continually weeds the print collection. This helps us avoid "crisis weeding," where many materials are removed at once. It also saves staff time by making maintenance, search time, and shelving operations more efficient. Books that are weeded are not thrown away - they may be recycled by our Friends of the Library at their semi-annual book sale, or passed on to other institutions that can make better use of them. Weeding also helps us focus on developing a quality collection, helping us find books checked out infrequently and determine which items are unpopular with our patrons.

BOOK GROUPS at both libraries

**Award Winners
Best Sellers
Busy People's Group
Nonfiction
Yorktown Daytime**

**meetings held
Tuesdays or Thursdays
at least 6 people
must register
Call Adult Programs
at (757) 890-5119**



PARENTING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS

lecture series on Wednesday
evenings at 7:00 PM

**May 24 & 31:
Parenting Skills
June 21 & 28:
Communication Skills**

The talks are free, but
registration is required.
(You may come to one
or all four.)

For more details, or to
register,
CALL 890-5119.

Computer Classes & Lecture/Demos

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
& Thursdays at 9:00 AM
Tabb Library

NEW Programs:

- Knowing and Controlling
What Your Children See
- Protecting Your Privacy

CONTINUING Programs:

- Beginners Internet
- Beginners Word
- Beginners Excel
- PowerPoint

**CALL TO REGISTER:
(757) 890-5119**

Join the Smart Beginnings Blitz!

The Smart Beginnings Blitz is a series of events held between Mother's Day and Father's Day which will highlight the importance of early childhood development. The Library Youth Services Department will participate in this event with an Open House on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Tabb Library.

Register for Tiny and Toddler Tales starting June 26

Tiny Tales, a program for children ages 6 – 14 months, will be held at Tabb on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM for five weeks beginning on July 5. *Toddler Tales*, for children ages 15-30 months, is offered at Tabb on Wednesdays at 10:15 AM and Thursdays at 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM. The summer session runs from July 5 to August 3.

Registration for both programs will be on Monday, June 26 beginning at 10:00 AM and can be done in person at the Youth Services Desk or by phone at 890-5110.

Tiny Tales

ages 6 to 14 months

Weds. 11:00 AM—11:30 AM

Toddler Tales

ages 15 to 30 months

Wed. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

Thurs. 10:15 AM—10:45 AM

Thurs. 11:00 AM—11:30 AM

AT THE TABB LIBRARY

Call 890-5110 for more information!

Story Times will be offered at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM with tips on how to read aloud to young children and ideas for extending stories. Displays of developmentally appropriate books for ages birth through five years will be available for check out, with library staff to offer guidance on book selection. Centers will be set up in the Youth Services

Mother's Day Story Time May 13 at Tabb

Come to the Library for a Mother's Day story time at 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 13 in the Tabb Library meeting room. Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a special craft. Recommended for ages 3 and up. No registration is required. Call 890-5110 for details.

Calling All Teen Volunteers!

The Youth Services Department invites teens, ages 13 years and over, to help with the 2006 Summer Reading Program. Volunteer duties include registering patrons for the summer program, distributing prizes, assisting with story hour craft preparation, and providing support at special performances.

Applications are available at both the Tabb and Yorktown Youth Services desks and on the web page at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/>

Department to include arts & crafts and interactive games for parents/caregivers and children.

Activities are recommended for ages five and under but everyone is welcome. There is no registration required. Come in and join the fun while supporting the importance of early childhood education.

Father's Day Story Time June 10 at Tabb

Come celebrate Father's Day with your favorite man (dads, grandpas, uncles, all are welcome) on Saturday, June 10 at 10:30 AM in the Tabb Library meeting room. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. Recommended for ages 3 and up. No registration is required. Call 890-5110 for details.

children. Applications are being accepted from April 24 to May 26 and must be submitted to the Youth Services staff at the Tabb Library. Call 890-5110 for more information.

**The Library
will be
CLOSED
Monday, May 29
for
Memorial Day**



Fall/Winter Writer's Workshops

Poetry
Fiction
Nonfiction
Children's Books
Book Illustration
Human Interest Profiles
Memoir Writing
Writer's Toolkit
Publishing Options

Continuing Author Events

Over the past year, the Library has sponsored several author events, in addition to our Spring writer's workshops. They included novel and nonfiction writers' book signings, "A Day in the Life of a Mystery Writer" talk, and poetry and short story literary competitions. We expect to continue such activities in the future.

SALA Evening Readings

1st Wednesday of each month
"open mic " from 7-8:30 p.m.
at Tabb Library

**Daytime Group for Writers
and Other Creative People**
Critiques, writing prompts, and
other helpful activities, along
with lively conversation

**Call 890-5119 for
more information**

Join the Library's Online Book Clubs

Fiction, Nonfiction, Teen and Mystery groups
sign up at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library>

Casual Saturday Chess at Yorktown Library

The Yorktown Library will
host **bring-your-own-board
chess matches** the first and third
Saturdays of each month at 2:00
PM. Come by yourself for a "pick-
up" game or bring a friend or two.
Quiet conversation or instruction
will be permitted, but timing
devices that make noise are not
welcome.

Bring your board for an
afternoon of mental exercise!

FREE FAMILY MOVIES

*With Fruit Juice
and Popcorn*

On Mother's Day
Sunday May 14
& Father's Day
Sunday June 18
3:00 PM—Tabb Library

**BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY !**

Adult Programs advisory group

The Adult Programs Office
now has a small group of
volunteer advisors that makes
p r o g r a m - r e l a t e d
recommendations in an
informal way. We want to
expand this group to include
representatives from as many
York County neighborhoods as
possible. If you would like to get
involved in planning,
promoting, or implementing
programs, please call the Adult
Programs Office at 890-5119.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday	10 AM–9 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	1 PM–5 PM

Visit the Library's website
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!
DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236